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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Alexandre MARTI, Norbert LANGE,
Matthieu ZELLWEGER, Georges WAGNIERES,
Hubert VAN DEN BERGH, Patrice JICHLINSKI
and Pavel KUCERA
Serial no. : 09/673,871
Filed : with an effective filing date April 22, 1999
For : SOLUTION FOR DIAGNOSING OR TREATING
TISSUE PATHOLOGIES
Group Art Unit : 1617
Examiner : Shahnam JI Sharareh
Docket : NITROS P146US

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed March 27, 2002, please enter the following
before reconsideration of this application.

In the Specification:

Please cancel page 3, first paragraph and page 4, third full paragraph, in their entirety,
in favor of a clean form of those paragraphs of the specification, without any markings thereon,
as follows. Also accompanying this response is a copy of the original paragraphs of the
specification which show the addition(s) (by underlining and bold) and the deletion(s) (by
strikeout) to the canceled specification paragraphs. Please enter the replacement specification
paragraphs into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 10-18, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein,
in favor of new claims 19-35 as follows.